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National Overview

Principal Statistics 2012

Gross Value of Outputs ($'000)	
Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	2,187,977
Aquaculture production	833,822
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues[1]	4,396,221
Employment (number of persons)	
Commercial fish harvesters and crew	49,609
Aquaculture	3,235
Seafood product preparation & packaging[1]	31,903
Commercial Seafisheries	
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	803,441
Total value of landings ($'000)	2,120,637
Commercial Freshwater Fisheries	
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	29,326
Total value of landings ($'000)	67,340
International Trade Statistics ($'000)	
Total value of fish and seafood exports	4,152,910
Total value of fish and seafood imports	2,747,823
Trade balance	1,405,087

[1] Based on 2011 data (2012 data not available at time of publication)

Regional Overview[1]

Landings and Production Statistics, 2012

Commercial Sea and Freshwater Fisheries	Pacific	Inland	Atlantic	Canada
Number of registered fishing vessels[2]	2,551	100	16,189	18,840
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	129,519	29,326	673,923	832,768
Total value of landings ($'000)	213,123	67,340	1,907,514	2,187,977
Aquaculture				
Number of aquaculture establishments	166	64	323	553
Total volume of production (metric tonnes)	81,395	5,534	87,128	174,057
Total value of production ($'000)	399,625	27,829	406,368	833,822

Recreational Fisheries Statistics, 2010

	Pacific	Inland	Atlantic	Canada
Number of active adult anglers	514,329	1,860,767	912,507	3,287,603
Fishing effort ('000 days fished)	5,868	24,775	12,698	43,340
Harvest ('000 fish kept)	3,998	26,715	31,999	62,711
Direct expenditures ($'000)	614,757	1,341,143	563,533	2,519,433
Direct investments ($'000)	663,214	1,415,029	873,979	2,952,223

[1] Atlantic = Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec.
Inland = Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and territories; Pacific = British Columbia.

[2] Inland vessel count is for Ontario Great Lakes only

Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Species Highlights

Commercial Seafisheries Landings by Species Groups and Region, 2012

	Atlantic	*Pacific*	*Canada*
Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)	**673,923**	**129,519**	**803,442**
Groundfish	79,865	89,297	169,162
Pelagics	157,622	32,346	189,968
Shellfish	419,689	7,862	427,551
Other	16,747	14	16,761
Total Value of Landings ($'000)	**1,907,514**	**213,123**	**2,120,637**
Groundfish	163,263	95,344	258,607
Pelagics	107,524	37,620	145,144
Shellfish	1,623,116	80,157	1,703,273
Other	13,611	2	13,613

Aquaculture Production, Selected Species, 2012

	Volume (metric tonnes)	*Value ($'000)*	*Main Producing Province*
Salmon	108,118	598,845	British Columbia
Mussels	28,124	44,509	Prince Edward Island
Oysters	11,191	23,480	British Columbia
Trout	6,503	36,691	Ontario

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International Trade in Fish and Seafood Products, 2012 and 2013

Top Product Exports, by Species	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value ($'000)	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Lobster	59,765	63,737	1,086,246	1,165,107
Snow/Queen Crab	50,099	54,710	550,672	613,969
Atlantic Salmon	88,214	69,232	506,224	502,973
Shrimp	86,435	93,264	387,190	439,807
Scallop	4,803	6,290	108,042	150,268
Total Exports, All Species	**595,617**	**594,514**	**4,152,910**	**4,420,585**

Top Product Imports, by Species	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value ($'000)	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Shrimp	54,667	48,586	488,100	527,864
Lobster	31,017	29,032	220,956	243,021
Skipjack/Bonito Tuna	34,185	35,830	170,584	191,765
Sockeye Salmon	14,458	15,832	118,231	145,813
Scallop	5,036	5,552	85,898	88,897
Total Imports, All Species	**528,740**	**501,735**	**2,747,822**	**2,961,307**

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